

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 11 are amended.

I. Drawings

The Office Action asserts that the drawings are objected to because the following reference characters are not labeled in an appropriate descriptive manner; reference characters in Figs. 2, 3 and 12, and reference characters "200", "300", "404" and "602" in Fig. 8. The Applicants have labeled the drawings based on the Examiner's recommendation.

We respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by "a design of multimedia collaboration system for seminar type collaborative learning," in Kimura et al. (hereinafter "Kimura").

Specifically, the Office Action asserts that Kimura teaches a system comprising a communication interface section that receives supplied data (information created by a presenter using a presentation sheet is supplied to be transmitted to participants), a generation unit that generates meeting data (transmitting the presenter's presentation sheets to the seminar participants and recording the content of the presentation); a conversion unit including a virtual machine that converts the received supplied-data into a data format which allows the generation unit to generate the meeting data (the system is implemented as Java Applets and executed in WWW browsers to deal with multi platform conversion and integration of the seminar's presentation on the client, or participants' computers); and a data control unit that stores the supplied-data, converted by the conversion unit, while managing the supplied-data in units of data associated with respective data supply apparatuses into a stored unit in which particular presentation data is stored (presentation data supplied from

presenters are stored in databases), and reading meeting data including at least a part of the supplied-data in the presentation data from the storage unit in accordance with a reproduction command indicating reproduction in units of data associated with the processing apparatus, and a reproduction unit that reproduces the meeting data read (in response to commands, or requests from participant clients, the database of stored presentation data is read and the read presentation data transmitted to the clients). We respectfully traverse this rejection.

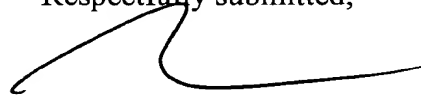
Kimura does not teach that the meeting data is identified by labels for respective particular units of a meeting (examples of the units of chapters, sections, and pages of sheets to be displayed). Instead, Kimura teaches a universal canvas. The purpose being to build the collaborative work system with a high degree of freedom where the participants can deal with situations flexibly depending on the change of situations. The participants utilize jointly owned whiteboards, still images by camera, conversion functions by inputting text, collaborative drawing is supportive and the drawing result is stored, and the result can be referenced later. Therefore, Kimura does not teach labeling the meeting data for respective particular units of a meeting.

Therefore, based on the discussion above, independent claims 1 and 11 are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of independent claims 1 and 11. Dependent claims 2-3 and 5-7 depend either directly, or indirectly, from independent claims 1 and 11. Therefore, dependent claims 2-3 and 5-7 are also in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Request for Continued Examination
Replacement Sheets

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